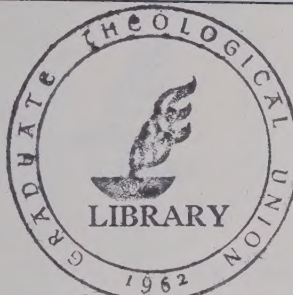


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PICTURE CAPTIONS

Bishop Allin Host to Orthodox

79321/1 "I want you always to remember the Episcopal Church and your visit to us in the light," explained Presiding Bishop John M. Allin as he presented a colored glass shield of the Episcopal Church to the Most Rev. Archbishop Vladimir of Vladimir and Suzdal. The archbishop was part of a nine-man team of Russian theologians -- Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Baptist -- who spent ten days in conversation and visits with the Episcopal Church during October. The gifts were presented during a luncheon in the Presiding Bishop's apartment at the Episcopal Church Center in New York. Behind Archbishop Vladimir is an icon that was presented to Bishop Allin.

79321/2 Presiding Bishop John M. Allin, second left, exchanges gifts with Metropolitan Sergius of Odessa and Cherson during a luncheon in Bishop Allin's apartment. The Metropolitan headed a nine-man delegation in talks and visits with Episcopal Church leaders. One of the gifts Bishop Allin gave the Metropolitan was a limestone paper-weight carved by hand by one of the carvers of the Washington Cathedral. The Rev. William A. Norgren, Associate Ecumenical Officer of the Episcopal Church, stands behind Bishop Allin. Serge Gordeev, a translator with the Russian delegation, is between the two primates.

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NOTE: See DPS release #79312 for more information about the visit of the Russian Christians to the Episcopal Church.

